

HOUSE BILL 812

By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 5, relative to the practice of dentistry.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-107(c)(1) is amended by deleting in its entirety the first sentence of the subdivision and by substituting the following:

Each person licensed as a dentist or a dental hygienist in accordance with this chapter, or registered as a dental assistant pursuant to the rules of the board, is required to attend and complete each year (except in the year of initial licensure or registration) the number of hours of board approved continuing education courses prescribed by the board, subject to a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of thirty (30) clock hours; provided, that beginning January 3, 2003, in lieu of the annual continuing education requirement, each person licensed as a dental hygienist, or registered as a dental assistant is required to attend and complete during each two-year cycle (except for the two-year cycle of initial licensure) such number of hours of board approved continuing education courses as are prescribed by the board, subject to a minimum of twenty-four (24) and a maximum of sixty (60) clock hours.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.